

From Four States Crowds Come for Contests in the Big Eisteddfod

Big Musical Festival Brought Five Thousand Visitors—Canton Wins the Ladies' Chorus Competition Prize—Utica Secures Big Male Chorus Prize—Akron Wins Chief Choral Prize.

The second annual musical Eisteddfod of Stark county was held in the auditorium yesterday, last evening and this morning, and from start to finish it was a success throughout. For months past the various contestants have been practicing for the big event and they came from four states in companies of twenty-fives and hundreds, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia being well represented.

The threatening weather of Tuesday night changed to one of delightful temperature and sunshine yesterday and throughout the day and evening the weather man received compliments on every hand.

By noon a fair estimate placed the visitors in attendance at 4000, besides those who were attracted to the city to attend the races and other attractions.

MORNING SESSION.

The morning session opened promptly at 8:30 o'clock with a concert of an hour's duration by Emerson's orchestra, which rendered a program of rare excellence and merit, as follows: March—"Why Don't You Try?".....

Van Alstyne and Botsford Selection—"Martha"..... Flotow American Fantasia..... Tobani "The Dervishes"..... Theo Bendix "Cherry" (Intermezzo)..... L. Albert

After a slight delay, occasioned by the confusion in the audience and various choirs in getting seated in their proper places, Hon. Anthony Howells, of Massillon, as president of the association, called the assemblage to order and announced that the meeting would be opened by the singing of America by the audience, which was done in a hearty and patriotic manner befitting the occasion. He then introduced Mayor A. R. Turnbull, who on behalf of the city extended a most hearty and loyal greeting to the visitors who had assembled to attend and participate in this great musical and elocutionary feast. His remarks were cheered to the echo. President Howells then introduced in a neat speech his old-time personal friend, Thomas J. Powell, of Coalburg, Ohio, who had been chosen as president of the morning session. In acknowledging the compliment which he considered had been extended him Mr. Powell made a brief but interesting statement of the aims and objects of the Eisteddfod and concluded by introducing Hon. H. M. Edwards, conductor of the day. Mr. Edwards occupies a conspicuous place among the jurists of the day, holding at the present time a judgeship in the Pennsylvania courts, with headquarters at Scranton.

JUDGE EDWARDS SPOKE.
In acknowledging the honor conferred upon him by the officer of the Stark County Eisteddfod Judge Edwards spoke briefly but to the point. In referring to the city of Canton he said that this was his first visit here and from what little opportunity he had had to look over the substantial appearance of the city, he had formed a very high opinion of Canton and also its people.

As they arrived at the auditorium from time to time, Conductor Edwards presented the adjudicators of the day, as well as the accompanists, who were as follows: J. W. Parson Price, Ernst R. Kroeger, J. Hayden Morris, G. Mark Evans, J. E. Morris, E. S. Griffiths, Mrs. Anna Bolus-Loichot, Blanche Vignos, C. E. McAfee.

PRIZE WINNERS.
The audience, led by J. W. Parson Price, sang the popular Welsh hymn

PROMINENT MEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE EISTEDDFOD.



"Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau" and then the regular program was continued. The violin solo for persons 18 years and under was won by Leroy Barnett of Akron. There were three contestants. The soprano and alto duet "Over the Fields of Clover" (Geibel) Dit Edit was won by Misses H. T. Owen and Lylia M. Ryan of Utica, the prize was \$20.

The piano solo for persons 18 years and under was won by Miss Florence Challendine, of Cleveland. There were two entries from Canton in this contest, Carrol Cook and Herbert Voges. The adjudicators stated that there was no doubt but what Miss Challendine's work was the best.

The Congregational chorus competition was the chief point of interest of the morning's session. There were five choirs entered: First Presbyterian choir, Bridgeport, O., Mrs. Flora Williams, conductor; First Presbyterian choir, Alliance, O., E. J. Morris, conductor; Welsh Congregational choir, Martins Ferry, O.; First M. E. choir, Massillon and the Christian church choir of Painesville, W. Va.

The choir from Bridgeport, carried off the first prize of \$100 and Mrs. Williams, the conductor, was awarded a special gold medal, donated by Hon. W. Aubrey Thomas, of Niles, O. The second prize of \$50 was won by the Alliance choir while their conductor, E. J. Morris, was awarded a special silver medal donated by Mr. W. H. Evans, of Akron, O.

The morning session was then closed by the singing of "Babel" by the audience, they were led by Mr. G. Mark Evans.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
Promptness was the word of those upon whom devolved the work of the great musical festival and the session got down to business promptly on time with another highly appreciated concert by Prof. Emerson and his orchestra as the opening diversion, which was as follows:

March—"La Sorella" (Spanish)..... Ch. Borel-Clark Selection—"Norma"..... Margis-Berger "Rigoletto" (Quartette from Verdi's opera)..... Arr. by Theo Moses "Spoon-time" (Intermezzo).....

Following the orchestral concert the congregation rendered the famous Welsh national song, "Crug-y-Bar," led by J. Hayden Morris.

Hon. Anthony Howells then introduced Congressman W. Aubrey Thomas, of Niles, as the presiding officer of the afternoon session. In presenting him Mr. Howells said that in addition to being a congressman who represented the 19th congressional district, which had sent such men of national reputation to congress as Jefferson, Wade, Dick and Taylor, Mr. Thomas was a Welshman, one who had won his way step by step up the ladder of fame and he, as a Welshman, was proud of the record Congressman Thomas had made.

MR. THOMAS REPLIED.
In bowing his acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon him, Congressman Thomas made a brief speech in which he said he was glad to turn from the arduous duties of insurance, railroad and beef investigation to the more pleasant duties of this occasion, where music and song inspired the

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EMPEROR MAY BE A PRISONER

Stormy Scene Said to Have Occurred in High Japanese Circles—Korean Ruler Tells Marquis Ito That He Would Take Poison Before Surrendering.

Seoul, Korea, July 5.—Although the report is denied by representative members of the Japanese legation here, Koreans openly assert that the Emperor is now being held a prisoner in the royal palace here and that he will never again be permitted to go abroad.

The story comes from a high source but for obvious reasons it is not possible for absolute confirmation at the present time. It is asserted by the informant to the Publishers' Press correspondent that the trouble between the emperor and the Marquis Ito, the chief representative of the emperor in the "Hermit Kingdom" came to a culmination late Monday afternoon. The emperor has for some time objected to the manner in which the Japanese have been carrying things in the island, and especially in this city and when he received a report of some unusually high handed proceeding on the part of some of the Japanese he went to Ito with a complaint. The interview between the two is reported to have been decidedly torrid. He told Ito he intended to appeal to the powers to have Japanese methods checked.

MADE THREATS.

Ito, according to this report which comes from Korean sources used strong language in answering and made threats of summary action. The interview terminated with bad feeling on both sides.

Some hours later the emperor, accompanied by certain members of his immediate family, left the palace and started for the American legation where he intended to take refuge for a time. Before he had more than succeeded in getting outside of the palace he was met by a Japanese lieutenant and a squad of soldiers and turned back. He is now in the palace but is far from being subdued. It is stated that he informed Ito that before he would surrender his sovereignty he would take poison and called attention to the Korean law, unwritten but none the less pronounced, that if he did so every member of the royal family and most of the Korean nobility, would follow his example.

NARROW ESCAPE

From Death—Caught in Shaft and Suffered Broken Arm.

August 1-30 arland, of East Ninth street, by a narrow escape from possible death at the Elbel company plant where he employed Tuesday afternoon.

When engaged in polishing the shaft his sleeve became caught in a belt, throwing him violently to the floor and fracturing his arm. Although the result was painful, he considers himself fortunate that it was not more serious.

Excursion to Rock Springs Park, W. Va., via Penn. Lines, Tuesday, July 17th, auspices First United Evangelical Sunday school. Resort unexcelled. Best of accommodations; excellent boating and bathing; most delightful trip. Special train service. Fare, round trip, only \$1.00. Plan to go.

L. O. T. M. Picnic.
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Favorites Fail to Take All the Events

RANK OUTSIDERS WIN RACES

Birdie B. the Only Favorite to Capture First Money.

A. L. Walters Drives Ted B. to Victory in Pretty Race—Record Breaking Attendance.

The favorites in two of the events of yesterday's races were left out in the cold and rank outsiders captured the money. The second day's card of the mid-summer meeting was the best of the season, nothing better in the way of good races having been seen here for a long time.

By far the biggest crowd that ever turned out to any kind of a race meeting in Canton or Stark county was in attendance at the fair grounds yesterday afternoon. Between six thousand and seven thousand people were on hand, a typical Fourth of July crowd that would do credit to a much larger city than Canton. The grand stand and enclosure were packed, not a seat being vacant. The fence surrounding the track was alive with people, while buggies and automobiles lined the hills behind the crowds.

Pretty races, clever driving and hotly contested heats served to enliven the afternoon's sport. No accidents occurred, although at one time it looked as if Paschovia and another horse in the 2:24 trot would come together.

Two out of the three events were won in straight heats, the 2:25 pace and the 2:12 pace being won by Major Mallow and Birdie B., respectively. The 2:24 trot was a horse race from start to finish. The favorite, Kitty Simmons, owned by T. E. Ruff, of Bremen, Ohio, failed to show form in the first heat and Ted B., owned by J. F. Burns, of Steubenville, Ohio, captured the race by winning the first, third and fifth heats.

Burns was thrown from his sulky in Tuesday's race, after which his horse galloped around the track several times before caught. He was drawn but was entered in yesterday's trot. However, Burns did not drive him, A. L. Walters occupying the sulky. Walters gave an exhibition of good driving in the third and fifth heats, winning them after the other horses had gained good leads on him.

Robert J. Wilson, the starter, got the horses off in good shape in every heat, he having trouble with them only once. The local association were fortunate in securing his services for

this meeting as he is the best starter that has ever appeared in Canton. Besides taking care of the starting end of his work, he has a stentorian voice and when he announced the winners of the various heats, he could be heard in the farthest corner of the grand stand. He will undoubtedly be nabbed up by the Grand Circuit people next year as his good showing in this city will be a great recommendation.

FAVORITE BEATEN.

The horses got off well in the first heat of the 2:25 pace, Major Mallow being slightly in the lead. Bessie Almont broke at the start, while the other four horses reached the quarter pole well bunched. When the circuit of the track had been completed the first time Major Mallow, owned by W. W. Mallow, of Salem, Ohio, led, with Frank Arlington, another Salem horse, owned by Eddie Haywood, second. Dr. Paul, the favorite, came up at the three quarter pole, while Bessie Almont displaced Frank Arlington and Little Jap near the homestretch. Dr. Paul raced to the front fast and came down the homestretch nose and nose with Major Mallow, the latter winning out by a head, Bessie Almont being third and Frank Arlington fifth.

Frank Arlington made a much better showing in the second heat, coming in second. Little Jap and Major Mallow took the lead at the start, but the other horses soon overtook the former. Dr. Paul and Frank Arlington were closely crowding the leader at the quarter pole, while at the half mile wire, Major Mallow and Dr. Paul were racing like a team, Frank Arlington being right on their heels. Bessie Almont made a bad break at this point and took the rear. Before the homestretch was reached, Frank Arlington and Little Jap had displaced Dr. Paul, the favorite. Down the finish Major Mallow and Frank Arlington were nip and tuck, with Little Jap pressing close behind. Major Mallow reached the wire but a quarter of a second before Frank Arlington, the judges being compelled to make a close decision. Bessie Almont and the

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